

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Vestry July 27th, 2022

The vestry of St. Matthew's met on July 27th, 2022 at 6 PM via Zoom. Members present were Chris Ellis (Sr. Warden), Kyle Dennis (Jr. Warden), Deb Hansen (Treasurer), Selena Ellis, Ellen Gregan and Melinda Hood. Also present were the Rev. Nancy Cook (Deacon) and Susan Alford.

Compline- Led by Rev. Nancy Cook responses by Chris Ellis.

Old Business-

Discussion of June minutes- Deb Hansen mentioned a correction needing to be made concerning the Kroger gift cards. It should read that we cannot purchase non-food items with the cards according to the guidelines provided by Kroger with the grant.

Motion: to accept June minutes with correction above by Ellen Gregan seconded by Melinda Hood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: to accept June financials by Melinda Hood seconded by Ellen Gregan. Motion passed unanimously.

Average Sunday attendance for June was 37.

Selena Ellis accompanied by the Story twins made our first Kroger grant purchase recently.

New Business-

Deb Hansen spoke to the vestry about possibly storing some of our funds in a savings account. She said we had around \$80,000 in our checking account, which is much more than enough to cover month to month expenses. She suggested moving some of the funds to a savings account. There was also a discussion of possibly looking into other means of generating passive income such as bonds or CDs. Deb said she would contact the diocese and see if they had any suggestions.

Motion: To open a savings account with the intention of transferring money from our checking account into it by Selena Ellis seconded by Melinda Hood. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of possibly purchasing a self-propelled push mower. Some parishioners have had difficulty operating riding lawn mower. Also, the riding mower seems to be in need of repair at some point every summer and much of the lawn could be

mowed fairly easily with a self-propelled push mower. The vestry decided to discuss this again in August when we can maybe get a better price on a mower with fall approaching.

Chris Ellis mentioned that the refrigerator used for flowers is freezing again.

Selena Ellis stated that the Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build would be September 26th-30th this fall. This will be the 100th family that Saline County Habitat for Humanity has built a home for. She is going to ask that the 28th be the day that St. Matthew's provides lunch on.

Motion: To Adjourn by Ellen Gregan seconded by Melinda Hood.